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The reply filed on November 4, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have failed to fully respond to the rejections of claims 1-3 set forth within paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Office action of July 1, 2002. Firstly, it is noted that the language, "and the salt thereof", remains within claims 2-4, and applicants' response has not clarified the language. It remains unclear with respect to what the salt refers to, and it is unclear if the claims require the presence of the oligomer and the salt. Secondly, it is unclear that the insertion of "successively" into claim 1 adequately addresses the examiner's concerns regarding the disclosed reaction schemes. In other words, it is unclear if the amendment is to cause the claim to be representative of the reaction scheme set forth within page 14 of the specification. Claim 1 as amended can be interpreted as requiring that the polyol be reacted with each of the specified additional reactants, the additional reactants being in sequence. The language does not require that the reaction products be reacted successively or sequentially. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

It is noted that component (b-1) of claim 2 lacks clear antecedence from claim 1, because (b-1) within claim 2 requires at least two acid anhydride groups per molecule.

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